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Deceased Person-Bee stings

Case Number: 08-1381002

Date: May 17, 2008

Time: 10:48 a. m.

Location: 1700 block of Barbara Street

Narrative:

On Saturday, May 17, 2008, at 10:48 a. m, Austin Police Department Central West Area Command Patrol Officers responded to a deceased person call at the 1700 block of Barbara Street near W. Anderson Lane and Burnet Rd. Officers were advised that an 81-year-old, White male was mowing his lawn. At approximately 10:45 a.m. the decedent went inside residence. His wife heard a loud noise and found her husband lying unresponsive on the bathroom floor.

Austin-Travis County EMS responded. He was pronounced deceased at the scene. There were no reports of injuries, and foul play was not suspected. Initially EMS suspected a heart attack. The decedent was released to a funeral home. When the funeral home began to inspect the body, they found multiple bee stings on the decedent's head, neck and chest areas.

The Travis County Medical Examiner's office was notified and the decedent transported to the ME's office for further examination by a doctor. An autopsy was performed. Over 50 bee stings were located on the decedent. The cause and manner of death has been held pending further tests, however the death is NOT being viewed as suspicious. At this time, it has not been determined whether the bee stings caused or contributed to the decedent's death.

The decedent's son told the ME's office that he was not aware of any problems with bees on their property but would investigate further and contact Travis County if a hive or colony is located.



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It unknown what type or species of bee were involved at this time. If anyone has any information please call 911

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